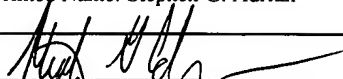


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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  |  | DATE: December 23, 2004                              |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE<br>(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  | U.S. Application No. (if known):<br><b>10/519079</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.:<br><b>PCT/JP03/08019</b>   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE:<br><b>June 25, 2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:<br><b>June 25, 2002</b>       |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>TREATED PIGMENT, USE THEREOF, AND COMPOUND FOR PIGMENT TREATMENT</b>   |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Masanori KANO, Kazunori ITOH, Takaaki YODO, Naoyuki KITAOKA and Hideo SHIBATA</b>   |  |  |
| <p>Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p>ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO-1449.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<br/>ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <b>SAKATA INX CORP., Osaka-shi, Japan</b><br/>Please publish the assignee data with the application.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol> |  |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known)<br><b>10/519078</b>   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/JP03/08019</b> |   | DATE: <b>December 23, 2004</b>       |              |
| 21. <u>XX</u> The following fees are submitted:<br><br>Basic National Stage Fee<br>National Stage Search Fee<br>National Stage Examination Fee<br><br>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =  |              |  |   | CALCULATIONS                         | PTO USE ONLY |
|   |              |  |   | \$ 300.00                            |              |
|   |              |  |   | \$ 500.00                            |              |
|   |              |  |   | \$ 200.00                            |              |
|   |              |  |   | \$ 1,000.00                          |              |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |              |  |   | \$ 130.00                            |              |
| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE  |                                      |              |
| TOTAL   | 10 -20 =     |  | X \$ 50.00  |                                      |              |
| INDEPENDENT   | 2 - 3 =      |  | X \$ 200.00   |                                      |              |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)  |              |  | + \$360.00  |                                      |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |              |  |   | \$ 1,130.00                          |              |
| National Stage Application Size Fee-for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets \$ 250.00.  |              |  |   |                                      |              |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).  |              |  |   |                                      |              |
| SUBTOTAL =  |              |  |   | \$ 1,130.00                          |              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). +   |              |  |   |                                      |              |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =  |              |  |   | \$ 1,130.00                          |              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +  |              |  |   |                                      |              |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =   |              |  |   | \$ 1,130.00                          |              |
|   |              |  |   | Amount to be:<br>refunded<br>charged | \$<br>\$     |
| <p>a. <u>XX</u> A check in the amount of \$1,130.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$300.00 for basic national stage fee; \$500.00 for national stage search fee; \$200.00 for national stage examination fee and \$130.00 for late filing of the declaration).</p> <p>b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <u>XX</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</p> |              |  |   |                                      |              |
| Send All Correspondence To:   |              |  | WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP<br>1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.<br>Suite 700<br>Washington, D.C. 20036<br>CUSTOMER No. 38834 |                                      |              |
| Typed or Printed Name: Stephen G. Adrian  |              |  | Reg. No.: 32,878  |                                      |              |
| Signature    |              |  | Date: December 23, 2004   |                                      |              |

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